



**Construction of Optima Lake (two-page spread photo) was authorized in the 1936 Flood Control Act and is shown here in 1972. Located in the arid Oklahoma Panhandle, the completed Optima Lake (near right inset) has yet to capture enough water to fill fully. Elsewhere in the state, Rep. Carl Albert spoke at the 1977 dedication of Waurika Lake in south-central Oklahoma, where the pump station provides water supply for part of the Red River valley (far left photos). The fall camping scene (left inset, this page) was at Kaw Lake in north-central Oklahoma.**

